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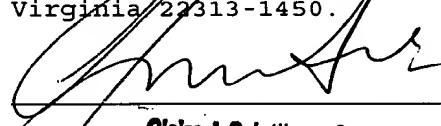
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Sir:

This is a request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, of pending prior Application No. 09/955,244 (Confirmation No. 1651), filed on September 17, 2001 for MEDICAL GRAFTING METHODS AND APPARATUS.

1.  Please enter the Amendment Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
2.  Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3.  An Amendment/Reply is enclosed.
4.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) is/are enclosed.
5.  An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed.
6.  A Request for Interference with Patent pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.607 is enclosed.
7.  A suspension of action on the above-identified patent application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months.
8.  A check in the amount of \$770.00 in payment of the fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is enclosed.

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9.  Please charge \$770.00 to Deposit Account No. 06-1075 in payment of the fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e). A duplicate copy of this Request is enclosed.

10.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) in connection with this Request, or to credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this Request is enclosed.

11.  Please grant a  one-month,  two-month,  three-month,  four-month, extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to the Examiner's Action of April 27, 2004 in the above-identified patent application.

12.  A check in the amount of \$420.00 in payment of the extension-of-time fee is enclosed.

13.  Please charge the extension-of-time fee of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this Request is enclosed.

14.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional extension-of-time fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 in connection with this paper, or to credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this Request is enclosed.

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